

In the United States Court of Federal Claims

OFFICE OF SPECIAL MASTERS

No. 16-0735V

Filed: April 26, 2017

UNPUBLISHED

KEVEN OTTENI,

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Petitioner,

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v.

Damages Decision Based on Proffer;
Influenza ("Flu") Vaccine; Shoulder
Injury Related to Vaccine Administration
("SIRVA"); Special Processing Unit
("SPU")

SECRETARY OF HEALTH
AND HUMAN SERVICES,

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Respondent.

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Leah V. Durant, Law Offices, Washington, DC, for petitioner.
Mallori B. Openchowski, U.S. Department of Justice, Washington, DC, for respondent.

DECISION AWARDING DAMAGES¹

Dorsey, Chief Special Master:

On June 22, 2016, Keven Otteni ("petitioner") filed a petition for compensation under the National Vaccine Injury Compensation Program, 42 U.S.C. §300aa-10, et seq.,² (the "Vaccine Act"). Petitioner alleges that he suffered a shoulder injury related to vaccine administration ("SIRVA") as a result of an influenza ("flu") vaccine that was administered to his left shoulder on October 25, 2015. Petition at 1. The case was assigned to the Special Processing Unit of the Office of Special Masters.

On November 3, 2016, a ruling on entitlement was issued, finding petitioner entitled to compensation for SIRVA. On April 26, 2017, respondent filed a proffer on award of compensation ("Proffer") indicating petitioner should be awarded \$172,374.91. Proffer at 1. In the Proffer, respondent represented that petitioner agrees with the

¹ Because this unpublished decision contains a reasoned explanation for the action in this case, the undersigned intends to post it on the United States Court of Federal Claims' website, in accordance with the E-Government Act of 2002. 44 U.S.C. § 3501 note (2012) (Federal Management and Promotion of Electronic Government Services). In accordance with Vaccine Rule 18(b), petitioner has 14 days to identify and move to redact medical or other information, the disclosure of which would constitute an unwarranted invasion of privacy. If, upon review, the undersigned agrees that the identified material fits within this definition, the undersigned will redact such material from public access.

² National Childhood Vaccine Injury Act of 1986, Pub. L. No. 99-660, 100 Stat. 3755. Hereinafter, for ease of citation, all "§" references to the Vaccine Act will be to the pertinent subparagraph of 42 U.S.C. § 300aa (2012).

proffered award. Based on the record as a whole, the undersigned finds that petitioner is entitled to an award as stated in the Proffer.

Pursuant to the terms stated in the attached Proffer, **the undersigned awards petitioner a lump sum payment of \$172,374.91, in the form of a check payable to petitioner, Kevin Otteni.** This amount represents compensation for all damages that would be available under § 300aa-15(a).

The clerk of the court is directed to enter judgment in accordance with this decision.³

IT IS SO ORDERED.

s/Nora Beth Dorsey

Nora Beth Dorsey
Chief Special Master

³ Pursuant to Vaccine Rule 11(a), entry of judgment can be expedited by the parties' joint filing of notice renouncing the right to seek review.

**IN THE UNITED STATES COURT OF FEDERAL CLAIMS
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KEVIN OTTENI,)
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Petitioner,)
v.) No. 16-735V
SECRETARY OF HEALTH AND HUMAN) Chief Special Master Dorsey
SERVICES,	ECF
Respondent.)
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RESPONDENT'S PROFFER ON AWARD OF COMPENSATION

I. Compensation for Vaccine Injury-Related Items

On November 3, 2016, Chief Special Master Dorsey issued a Ruling on Entitlement finding that petitioner was entitled to vaccine compensation for his Shoulder Injury Related to Vaccine Administration (“SIRVA”). Based on the evidence of record, respondent proffers that petitioner should be awarded \$172,374.91. This amount represents all elements of compensation to which petitioner would be entitled under 42 U.S.C. § 300aa-15(a).¹ Petitioner agrees.

II. Form of the Award

The parties recommend that compensation provided to petitioner should be made through a lump sum payment of **\$172,374.91**, in the form of a check payable to petitioner. Petitioner agrees.

Petitioner is a competent adult. Evidence of guardianship is not required in this case.

¹ Should petitioner die prior to entry of judgment, the parties reserve the right to move the Court for appropriate relief. In particular, respondent would oppose any award for future lost earnings and future pain and suffering.

Respectfully submitted,

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